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"We are committed to providing excellent public service and safety to all who live, work and play in our vibrant, tropical, historic community."

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305-673-7030

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South Beach Community Meeting January 6, 2003

Approximately 50 residents attended the City of Miami Beach, Neighborhood Services Department meeting on January 6, 2003, held at the Miami Beach Police station. This newsletter addresses neighborhood concerns brought to the attention of City staff by area residents and provides important information regarding the City's programs. Working in partnership with the community is the first step toward enhancing the quality of life in our City's neighborhoods.

Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager, facilitated the meeting. Representatives from the City's administration attended the meeting to hear issues directly from the City residents.

The following topics were identified as priorities by the attendees:

1. Code Compliance – Noise from open air entertainment facilities
2. Role of South Beach Service Team in keeping South Beach Clean
3. Status of Bay Link/Electro Wave projects
4. South District Policing – Field Support Unit
5. Capital Improvement Projects Update

Code Compliance - Noise

Residents of South Beach and more specifically South Pointe strongly stated their dissatisfaction with noise emitting from open-air entertainment facilities south of 5th Street. Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager, invited residents to come forward and voice their concerns in the public meeting process about this and any other issues. He stated that The City of Miami Beach has adopted the Dade County noise ordinance and that the division of Code Compliance is responsible for enforcement. Residents were encouraged to attend the January 8, 2003, Commission meeting and any other forums where the topic will be discussed.

South Beach Service Team

The South Beach Service Team (SBST) was created by the City Manager

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**Neighborhood
Services**

305-673-7077

**Community
Resource &
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305-673-7580

**Parks &
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305-673-7730

Parking

305-673-PARK

City Job Hotline

305-673-7777

City Clerk

305-673-7411

**Bulky Waste
Pick-Up**

Appointment

305-633-2700

**24-Hour
Services**

**Water & Sewer
Streets**

Sidewalks

Streetlights

Storm water

305-673-7625

Traffic Signals

305-592-3580

FPL

(Power outages & street
lights on wooden poles)

305-442-8770

Mayor David Dermer •
Commissioners: Matti Herrera
Bower, Simon Cruz, Luis R.
Garcia, Jr., Saul Gross, Jose
Smith and Richard Steinberg
City Manager Jorge M. Gonzalez
• City Attorney Murray H.
Dubbin • City Clerk Robert
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Director Neighborhood
Services Department

to provide a responsive and coordinated delivery of city services at an enhanced service level. The services include pressure cleaning of sidewalks, continuous litter removal, trash receptacle service, graffiti removal, street furniture cleaning and maintenance, hazardous conditions inspections and encourages open dialog with the community.

Baylink/Electrowave

Residents interested in learning more about the Baylink and Electrowave programs are invited to attend an important Commission Workshop. The workshop is designed to explore opportunities for the community to improve transportation services in the City of Miami Beach.

Baylink/ Electrowave Workshop

January 27th 2003, 4:30 pm

City Hall, Commission Chambers, 3rd floor

1700 Convention Center Drive

Miami Beach

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Phase 1 of the South Pointe Streetscape Project, which included Washington Avenue from Fifth Street to Government Cut and Third Street from Ocean Drive to Michigan Avenue, was completed in November 2002. Improvements made through the Project include new sidewalks, drainage, curb and gutter, street paving, lighting, decorative landscaping, and shade trees. The entire intersection of Washington and Third Street is now a paved plaza that will become home to a major piece of public sculpture in the near future. In addition to the infrastructure improvements that were made, the Project has resulted in a much more finished and appealing look for the whole area. Community meetings regarding the design of Phase 2 of the Project will be held this Spring.

Work on construction drawings for the Flamingo Lummus Neighborhood Right of Way Improvement Project is well underway. The Project includes dramatic infrastructure and landscape improvements throughout the Flamingo neighborhood which is bounded by Lincoln Road on the north, Ocean Drive on the east, Fifth Street on the south, and Alton Road on the west. One of the many improvements included in the project is the complete renovation of the blocks of Meridian, Euclid, Jefferson, Michigan, and Lenox between 5th and 6th streets with new sidewalks, streetlights, and shade trees.

More information on this and all of the South Beach neighborhood streetscape projects is available on the website www.cmbprojects.com.

Miami Beach Police Department –

Field Support Unit

In April 2002 , Chief Donald De Lucca implemented a Field Support Unit under the Miami Beach Police Department. Captain John Di Censo was assigned to lead this new initiative. The area of focused attention is Ocean Drive, Washington Avenue and Lincoln Road. All beat and bicycle officers in this district fall under Captain Di Censo's command as well as all specialized units within the department. Two Lieutenants are assigned to this unit; one handles all Special Events in the City of Miami Beach and is also the department's Emergency Response Coordinator and the other lieutenant handles all of the bike units on the three streets. The purpose of this unit is to enhance the level of service to the area for our residents, businesses and visitors. Captain Lynda Veski is the South District Commander.

City Administration Sets Strategic Priorities and Work Plan for 2003

The City of Miami Beach continues to move toward its five-year vision to be cleaner and safer; more beautiful and vibrant; mature and stable residential community with well-improved infrastructure; a unique urban and historic environment; a cultural, entertainment, tourism capital; and an international center for innovation in culture, recreation and business.

The City Manager and City Administration have worked together to establish priorities and to develop a work plan for 2002/2003. Key area priorities for this year continue to be the Capital Improvement Program, Strategic Planning/Economic Development; Organizational Development, Neighborhood Services, Technology and E-Government. E-Government will be expanded to include internal technology infrastructure and improvement plus external e-government applications.

Central Parking Pay Stations

In the continuing efforts to improve the City's parking systems, the City of Miami Beach Parking Department will begin testing a new payment method for parking. The new "Pay and Display" Central Pay Stations will be installed for 90 days beginning in mid-to-late January on Ocean Drive between 7 and 10 streets and at the northeast corner, 17th Street and Meridian Avenue parking lot. The City expects the new system to reduce maintenance costs and collection time, improve street aesthetics and provide an audit report per collection. The new system accepts bills and credit cards, in addition to coins, enhancing customer convenience.

During the testing period, existing meters will be removed and signage will be installed throughout the areas to provide notification of where parking payment is to be made. Signs will read, "Please pay parking at pay station"

with directional arrows. The pay station will provide instructions on how to apply proper payment.

For more information, contact the City of Miami Beach Parking Department, at 305-673-PARK.

Resident's guide to local services – Pick up your new resource guide!

The Miami Beach Residents' Guide contains valuable information and resources for City of Miami Beach residents. It is available in English and in Spanish.

Please call Neighborhood Services Department, Community Resource & Outreach Team at 305-673-7580 for further information on how to obtain the guide. Or, you can download the Residents' Guide from our website www.miamibeachfl.gov.